(h) Makes reasonable efforts to serve notice on an individual when any record on such individual is made available to any person under compulsory legal process when such process becomes a matter of public record.

§ 10.23 Accounting of disclosures.

Each operating administration, the Office of Inspector General, and the Office of the Secretary, with respect to each system of records under its control:

- (a) Except for disclosures made under §10.35(a) (1) or (2) of this part, keep an accurate accounting of:
- (1) The date, nature, and purpose of each disclosure of a record to any person or to another agency made under §10.33: and
- (2) The name and address of the person or agency to whom the disclosure is made:
- (b) Retains the accounting made under paragraph (a) of this section for at least five years or the life of the record, whichever is longer, after the disclosure for which the accounting is made:
- (c) Except for disclosures made under §10.33(a)(7) of this part, makes the accounting made under paragraph (a)(1) of this section available to the individual named in the record at his request; and
- (d) Informs any person or other agency about any correction or notation of dispute made by the agency in accordance with §10.45 of any record that has been disclosed to the person or agency if an accounting of the disclosure was

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§ 10.25 Mailing lists.

An individual's name and address is not sold or rented unless such action is specifically authorized by law. This provision shall not be construed to require the withholding of names and addresses otherwise permitted to be made public.

§ 10.27 Government contractors.

When the Department provides by a contract for the operation by or on behalf of the Department of a system of records to accomplish a function of the

Department, the requirements of this part are applied to such system. For purposes of subpart I, Criminal Penalties, any such contractor and any employee of the contractor are considered, in accordance with section 3(m) of the Privacy Act, to be employees of the Department.

§ 10.29 Social Security numbers.

- (a) No individual is denied any right, benefit, or privilege provided by law because of such individual's refusal to disclose his Social Security account number.
- (b) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this section do not apply to:
- (1) Any disclosure which is required by Federal statute: or
- (2) The disclosure of a Social Security number when such disclosure was required under statute or regulation adopted prior to January 1, 1975, to verify the identity of an individual.
- (c) When an individual is requested to disclose his or her Social Security account number, that individual is informed whether that disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by what statutory or other authority such number is solicited, what uses are made of it, and what detriments, including delay in the location of records, are incurred if the number is not provided.

Subpart D—Availability of Records

§ 10.31 Requests for records.

(a) Ordinarily, each person desiring to determine whether a record pertaining to him/her is contained in a system of records covered by this part or desiring access to a record covered by this part, or to obtain a copy of such a record, shall make a request in writing addressed to the system manager. The "Privacy Act Issuances" published by the Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration, describes the systems of records maintained by all Federal agencies, including the Department and its components. In exceptional cases oral requests are accepted. A description of DOT Privacy Act systems notices is available through the Interfree of charge at http:// www.access.gpo.gov/su docs/aces/ See

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